The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte RUTH LIPMAN

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 17, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We were unable to locate a complete copy of a translation for the JP 1-139515A reference relied on by the examiner on page 3 of the Examiner's Answer dated March 11, 2004.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to

- (1) locate or obtain the missing JP 1-139515 A translation,
- (2) have a complete copy of the missing translation scanned into the IFW file,
- (3) provide a copy of the translation to the applicant, and
- (4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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